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1. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) PLENARY ADOPTED RESOLU-

TION ON SPAIN CONTAINED REFTEL ON SEPTEMBER 26. VOTE WAS 47 IN FAVOR, 32 OPPOSED, AND 3 ABSTENTIONS. CANADIAN DELEGATE SPOKE AGAINST RESOLUTION WHICH HE SAID OFFERED GRATUITOUS ADVICE AND CRITICISM THAT WOULD ANTAGONIZE SPAIN. DANISH, BRITISH, AND NETHERLANDS DELEGATES SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION.

2. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL WERE DISCUSSED AND WELCOMED IN POLITICAL AND OTHER COMMITTEES. PORTUGUESE DELEGATES WERE: ANTONIO DUARTE ARNAUT (SOCIALIST), JOAQUIM ANTERO ROMERO MAGALHAES (SOCIALIST), ARTUR VIDEIRA PINTO DA CUNHA LEAL (PPD), JOSE ANGELO FERREIRA CORREIA (PPD) AND ANTONIO PEDREIRA DE CASTRO NORTON DE MATOS (CDS). ROMERO MAGALHAES, WHO WAS MOST ACTIVE PORTUGUESE MEMBER, EMPHASIZED NEED FOR IMMEDIATE AID TO PORTUGAL IN PLENARY STATEMENT AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. PLENARY ADOPTED SEPT. 26 POLITICAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON PORTUGAL CONTAINED IN PARA 4 BELOW. FINAL SUB-PARA OF THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADDED BY AMENDMENT PUT FORWARD BY FRG DELEGATES DESPITE OPPOSITION OF PORTUGUESE MEMBERS.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON PORTUGAL. "THE ASSEMBLY, WELCOMING THE FACT THAT THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE AFTER 48 YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVING THE TRANSITION TO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY;

CONCERNED AT THE RAPIDLY WORSENING ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY WHICH MUST INEVITABLY GIVE RISE TO SOCIAL UNREST, AND WHICH COULD BE ACCENTUATED BY THE RETURN OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SETTLERS FROM ANGOLA;

WELCOMING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INDICATE A SWING TO FORCES WHICH RESPECT DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL;

EMPHASIZING THAT PRESENT CONDITIONS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AND SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, FROM THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY;

CONCERNED THAT THE RELUCTANT AND APPREHENSIVE ATTITUDE OF MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN EVENTUAL POLARIZATION OF FORCES IN PORTUGAL, AND PRODUCE A SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTREMELY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE ALLIANCE:

URGES MEMBER COUNTRIES:

(A) TO ASSIST PORTUGAL IN DEALING WITH THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA;

(B) TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL IN ORDER TO HELP SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS; AND

(C) TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A GENUINE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN
PORTUGAL, IN ORDER TO GIVE TO ALL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES
EQUAL CHANCES FOR SUBMITTING THEMSELVES IN FREE
ELECTIONS TO THE VOTE OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE".

5. NAA PLENARY ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON "ECONOMIC AID
TO PORTUGAL, GREECE, AND TURKEY" DEVELOPED BY THE ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE. FIRST OPERATIVE PARA OF THIS RESOLUTION URGES MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE "TO ABANDON THEIR SHORTSIGHTED AND
POLITICALLY ERRONEOUS WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS PORTUGAL,
AND TO GRANT IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL HELP TO SUPPORT
THE COUNTRY'S PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION".
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